

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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CHALLENGES TO INTERNAL SECURITY
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government has launched a scheme for modernisation of State police forces so as to effectively face the emerging challenges of internal security;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Union Government has suggested steps for better planning and monitoring of implementation of the programmes relating to modernisation of Police to the Government of Gujarat;and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN)

(a) & (b): "Police" is a State subject as per VII Schedule to the Constitution. As such, the primary responsibility to modernize/adequately equip their police forces rests with the respective State Governments. However, the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) has been implementing a non-Plan Scheme for Modernization of State Police Forces (MPF Scheme) since 1969-70 and supplementing the resources of State Governments for modernization of their police forces. Under the Scheme, assistance is being provided to the States for procurement of modern weaponry, construction of residential and non-residential buildings, procurement of vehicles, security/communication/forensic equipments, etc. The State Governments formulate their annual action plans based on their assessed requirements which are considered and approved by a High Powered Committee in MHA and funds are released against approved plans under the MPF Scheme.

(c) & (d): For better planning and monitoring of the implementation of the Scheme for Modernization of State Police Forces (MPF Scheme) in the States, a system of concurrent audit has been put in place. The reports of concurrent audit conducted in the last quarter of financial year 2008-09 have been sent to all the State Governments, including Gujarat, for examination and for taking remedial action.